

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-07143-JMF

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL  
OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

**WHEREAS:**

A. On March 15, 2022, Lead Plaintiff Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi (“MissPERS” or “Lead Plaintiff”) and additionally named Plaintiff Monroe County Employees’ Retirement System (“Monroe,” and with MissPERS, “Plaintiffs”), on behalf of themselves and all other members of the proposed Settlement Class, on the one hand, and Defendants Nielsen Holdings plc (“Nielsen” or the “Company”), Dwight Mitchell Barns, Kelly Abcarian, and Jamere Jackson (collectively, with Nielsen, “Defendants” and, together with Plaintiffs, the “Parties”), on the other, entered into a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the “Stipulation”) in the above-captioned litigation (the “Action”), which is subject to review under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and which, together with the exhibits thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement of the Action and the claims alleged in the Second Amended Complaint, filed on September 27, 2019, on the merits and with prejudice (the “Settlement”);

B. The Court has reviewed and considered the Stipulation and the accompanying exhibits;

C. The Parties to the Stipulation have consented to the entry of this order; and

D. All capitalized terms used in this order that are not otherwise defined herein have the meanings defined in the Stipulation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 that:**

1. **Preliminary Approval of Settlement.** The Court has reviewed the Stipulation and preliminarily finds, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(1), that the Court will likely be able to approve the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(2), subject to further consideration at the Settlement Hearing described below.

2. **Preliminary Certification of Settlement Class.** Pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court preliminarily certifies, for purposes of the Settlement only, the Settlement Class of: all persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the period from February 11, 2016 through July 25, 2018, inclusive, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the immediate family of any Individual Defendant; (iii) any person who was an officer or director of Nielsen during the Class Period; (iv) any firm, trust, corporation, or other entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (v) affiliates of Nielsen, including its employee retirement and benefit plan(s) and their participants or beneficiaries, to the extent they made purchases through such plan(s); and (vi) the legal representatives, affiliates, heirs, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any such excluded person. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those Persons who or which have timely and validly sought exclusion from the Settlement Class in accordance with the requirements set forth below and in the Notice.

3. **Settlement Class Findings.** The Court finds and preliminarily concludes that the prerequisites of class action certification under Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedures have been satisfied for the Settlement Class defined herein and for the purposes of the Settlement only, in that:

(a) the members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members is impracticable;

(b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class Members;

(c) the claims of Plaintiffs are typical of the Settlement Class's claims;

(d) Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have fairly and adequately represented and protected the interests of the Settlement Class;

(e) the questions of law and fact common to Settlement Class Members predominate over any individual questions; and

(f) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, considering that the claims of Settlement Class Members in the Action are substantially similar and would, if tried, involve substantially identical proofs and may therefore be efficiently litigated and resolved on an aggregate basis as a class action; the amounts of the claims of many of the Settlement Class Members are too small to justify the expense of individual actions; and it does not appear that there is significant interest among Settlement Class Members in individually controlling the litigation of their claims.

4. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for purposes of the Settlement only, Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi and Monroe County Employees' Retirement System are preliminarily certified as Class Representatives for the

Settlement Class. The law firm of Labaton Sucharow LLP is preliminarily appointed Class Counsel for the Settlement Class.

5. **Settlement Hearing.** A hearing (the “Settlement Hearing”) pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is hereby scheduled to be held before the Court, either in person or remotely at the Court’s discretion, on July 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in Courtroom 1105 of the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York, 10007, for the following purposes:

(a) to determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate, and should be approved by the Court;

(b) to determine whether the proposed Final Order and Judgment (“Judgment”) as provided under the Stipulation should be entered, and to determine whether the release by the Settlement Class of the Released Claims, as set forth in the Stipulation, should be provided to the Released Defendant Parties;

(c) to determine, for purposes of the Settlement only, whether the Settlement Class should be finally certified; whether Plaintiffs should be finally certified as Class Representatives for the Settlement Class; and whether the law firm of Labaton Sucharow LLP should be finally appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class;

(d) to determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation for the proceeds of the Settlement is fair and reasonable and should be approved by the Court;

(e) to consider Lead Counsel’s application for an award of attorneys’ fees and Litigation Expenses (which may include an application for an award to Plaintiffs for reimbursement of their reasonable costs and expenses directly related to their representation of

the Settlement Class, pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”)); and

(f) to rule upon such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.

6. The Court may approve the proposed Settlement with such modifications as the Parties may agree to, if appropriate, and with or without further notice to the Settlement Class of any kind. The Court further reserves the right to enter the Judgment approving the Settlement regardless of whether it has approved the Plan of Allocation or awarded attorneys’ fees and/or expenses. The Court may also adjourn the Settlement Hearing, decide to hold the hearing remotely, or modify any of the dates herein without further individual notice to members of the Settlement Class. Any such changes shall be posted on the website of the Claims Administrator.

7. **Approval of Form and Manner of Giving Notice.** The Court approves the form, substance and requirements of the Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Settlement, and Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses (the “Notice”) and the Proof of Claim and Release form (“Claim Form”), substantially in the forms annexed hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, and finds they: (a) constitute the best notice to Settlement Class Members practicable under the circumstances; (b) are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to describe the terms and effect of the Settlement and to apprise Settlement Class Members of their right to object to the proposed Settlement or to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; (c) are reasonable and constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive such notice; and (d) satisfy all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (including Rules 23(c)–(e)), the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution, Section 21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the PSLRA, and the Rules of this Court.

8. **Retention of Claims Administrator.** The Court approves the retention of Epiq Class Action and Claims Solutions, Inc. as the Claims Administrator. The Claims Administrator shall cause the Notice and the Claim Form, substantially in the forms annexed hereto, to be mailed, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on or before ten (10) business days after entry of this Preliminary Approval Order (“Notice Date”), to all Settlement Class Members who can be identified with reasonable effort. Nielsen, to the extent it has not already done so, shall use its best efforts to obtain and provide to Lead Counsel, or the Claims Administrator, within ten (10) calendar days of entry of this Order and at no cost to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator, records from Nielsen’s transfer agents in electronic searchable form, to the extent readily available, containing the names and addresses of Persons who purchased Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period.

9. **Nominee Procedures.** The Claims Administrator shall use reasonable efforts to give notice to nominee purchasers such as brokerage firms and other persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period as record owners but not as beneficial owners. Such nominees SHALL EITHER: (a) WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of receipt of the Notice, provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator and the Claims Administrator is ordered to send the Notice promptly to such identified beneficial owners; or (b) WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of receipt of the Notice, request from the Claims Administrator sufficient copies of the Notice to forward to all such beneficial owners and WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of receipt of those Notices from the Claims Administrator forward them to all such beneficial owners. Nominees shall also provide email addresses for all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator, to the extent they are available. Nominees who elect to send the Notice

to their beneficial owners SHALL ALSO send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made and shall retain their mailing records for use in connection with any further notices that may be provided in the Action. Upon FULL AND TIMELY compliance with these directions, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought.

10. Lead Counsel shall, at or before the Settlement Hearing, file with the Court proof of mailing of the Notice and Claim Form.

11. **Approval of Summary Notice.** The Court approves the form of the Summary Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses ("Summary Notice") substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit 3, and directs that Lead Counsel shall cause the Summary Notice to be published in *The Wall Street Journal* and be transmitted over *PR Newswire* within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Notice Date. Lead Counsel shall, at or before the Settlement Hearing, file with the Court proof of publication of the Summary Notice.

12. The form and content of the notice program described herein, and the methods set forth herein of notifying the Settlement Class of the Settlement and its terms and conditions, meet the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Section 21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the PSLRA, and due process, constitute the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto.

13. **Participation in Settlement.** In order to be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, in the event the Settlement is effected in accordance with the terms and

conditions set forth in the Stipulation, each claimant shall take the following actions and be subject to the following conditions:

(a) A properly executed Claim Form, substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit 2, must be submitted to the Claims Administrator, as indicated in the Notice, postmarked or received (in the case of electronic submissions) no later than five (5) calendar days before the Settlement Hearing. Such deadline may be further extended by Court order or by Lead Counsel in their discretion. Each Claim Form shall be deemed to have been submitted when postmarked (if properly addressed and mailed by first-class or overnight mail, postage prepaid). Any Claim Form submitted in any other manner shall be deemed to have been submitted when it was actually received by the Claims Administrator.

(b) Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely and validly submit a Claim Form or whose claim is not otherwise approved by the Court: (a) shall be deemed to have waived any right to share in the Net Settlement Fund; (b) shall be forever barred from participating in any distributions therefrom; (c) shall be bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and the Settlement and all proceedings, determinations, orders, and judgments in the Action relating thereto, including, without limitation, the Judgment and the releases provided for therein; and (d) will be permanently barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting, maintaining, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any or all of the Released Claims against each and all of the Released Defendant Parties, as more fully described in the Stipulation and Notice.

(c) The Claim Form submitted by each claimant must satisfy the following conditions, unless otherwise allowed pursuant to the Stipulation: (i) it must be properly completed, signed and submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of the



preceding subparagraph; (ii) it must be accompanied by adequate supporting documentation for the transactions reported therein, in the form of broker confirmation slips, broker account statements, an authorized statement from the broker containing the transactional information found in a broker confirmation slip, or such other documentation as is deemed adequate by the Claims Administrator and/or Lead Counsel; (iii) if the person executing the Claim Form is acting in a representative capacity, a certification of their current authority to act on behalf of the claimant must be included in the Claim Form; and (iv) the Claim Form must be complete and contain no material deletions or modifications of any of the printed matter contained therein and must be signed under penalty of perjury.

(d) As part of the Claim Form, each claimant shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the claim submitted.

14. Any Settlement Class Member may enter an appearance in this Action, at his, her or its own expense, individually or through counsel of his, her or its own choice. If any Settlement Class Member does not enter an appearance, he, she or it will be represented by Lead Counsel.

15. **Exclusion from Settlement Class.** Settlement Class Members shall be bound by all orders, determinations, and judgments in this Action concerning the Settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such Persons request exclusion from the Settlement Class in a timely and proper manner, as hereinafter provided. A putative Settlement Class Member wishing to make such an exclusion request shall mail the request in written form by first-class mail to the address designated in the Notice for such exclusions, such that it is received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing. Such request for exclusion must state the name, address and telephone number of the Person seeking exclusion, must state that the sender requests to be “excluded from the Settlement Class in *In re Nielsen Holdings plc Sec. Litig.*, No.

1:18-cv-07143-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)” and must be signed by such Person. Such Persons requesting exclusion are also directed to state the information requested in the Notice, including, but not limited to: the date(s), price(s), and number(s) of shares of all purchases, acquisitions, and sales of Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period. The request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides the required information and is made within the time stated above, or the exclusion is otherwise accepted by the Court.

16. Putative Settlement Class Members requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class shall not be eligible to receive any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund as described in the Stipulation and Notice.

17. **Objections to Settlement and Appearance at Settlement Hearing.** Any Settlement Class Member who does not request exclusion from the Settlement Class may object to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel’s application for attorneys’ fees and expenses. Any objections must state: (a) the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the objector and must be signed by the objector; (b) that the objector is objecting to the proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation, or application for attorneys’ fees and Litigation Expenses in captioned *In re Nielsen Holdings plc Sec. Litig.*, No. 1:18-cv-07143-JMF (S.D.N.Y.); (c) the objection(s) and the specific reasons for each objection, including whether it applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Settlement Class, or to the entire Settlement Class, and any legal and evidentiary support, and witnesses, the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court’s attention; and (d) include documents sufficient to prove the objector’s membership in the Settlement Class, such as the number of shares of publicly traded common stock of Nielsen purchased, acquired, and sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase, acquisition, and sale. The Court will consider any

Settlement Class Member's objection to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for an award of attorneys' fees or expenses only if such Settlement Class Member has [ECF](#), served by hand or by mail his, her or its written objection and supporting papers on the Court and has served copies of such objection on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth below such that the objection is received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Settlement Hearing:

<b>Court:</b>	Clerk of the Court United States District Court for the Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007
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<b>Lead Counsel:</b>	Labaton Sucharow LLP Attn: Christine M. Fox, Esq. 140 Broadway, New York, NY 10005
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<b>Defendants' Counsel:</b>	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP Attn: Craig S. Waldman, Esq. 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017
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18. Any Settlement Class Member who does not make his, her, or its objection in the manner provided for in the Notice shall be deemed to have waived such objection and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection to any aspect of the Settlement, to the Plan of Allocation, or to the request for attorneys' fees and expenses, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, but shall otherwise be bound by the Judgment to be entered and the releases to be given, as set forth in Paragraph 13 above.

19. Attendance at the Settlement Hearing is not necessary, however, persons wishing to be heard orally in opposition to the approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for an award of attorneys' fees and other expenses are required to indicate in their written objection their intention to appear at the hearing. Persons who intend to object to the

Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objections the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing.

20. Settlement Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

21. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, Plaintiffs, ~~all Settlement Class Members, and each of them~~, and anyone who acts or purports to act on their behalf, shall not institute, commence or prosecute any action which asserts Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties.

22. **Settlement Administration Fees and Expenses.** As provided in the Stipulation, prior to the Effective Date, Lead Counsel may pay the Claims Administrator a portion of the reasonable fees and costs associated with giving notice to the Settlement Class and the review of claims and administration of the Settlement out of the Settlement Fund in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 without further approval from Defendants and without further order of the Court.

23. **Supporting Papers.** All papers in support of the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses shall be filed with the Court and served on or before thirty-five (35) calendar days prior to the date set herein for the Settlement Hearing. If reply papers are necessary, they are to be filed with the Court and served ~~no later than seven (7)~~ <sup>fourteen (14)</sup> calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing. <sup>Plaintiffs and counsel shall file a single, consolidated brief in support of both the settlement and any fee application.</sup>

24. **Settlement Fund.** All funds held in escrow shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as such funds shall be disbursed pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order of the Court.

25. No person who is not a Settlement Class Member or Lead Counsel shall have any right to any portion of, or to any distribution of, the Net Settlement Fund unless otherwise ordered by the Court or otherwise provided in the Stipulation

26. Neither Defendants nor their counsel shall have any responsibility for the Plan of Allocation nor any application for attorney's fees or Litigation Expenses submitted by Lead Counsel or Plaintiffs and such matters shall be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement.


27. **Termination of Settlement.** If the Settlement fails to become effective as defined in the Stipulation or is terminated, then both the Stipulation, including any amendment(s) thereof, except as expressly provided in the Stipulation, and this Preliminary Approval Order shall be null and void, of no further force or effect, and without prejudice to any Party, and may not be introduced as evidence or used in any actions or proceedings by any person or entity against the Parties, and the Parties shall be deemed to have reverted to their respective litigation positions in the Action as of February 3, 2022.

28. **Use of this Order.** Neither this Order, the Term Sheet, the Stipulation (whether or not finally approved or consummated, and including any exhibits thereto, any Plan of Allocation contained therein or approved by the Court, and the Supplemental Agreement), nor their negotiation, or any proceedings taken pursuant to them: (a) shall be offered against any of the Released Defendant Parties as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Released Defendant Parties with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs, or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted, or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind

by any of the Released Defendant Parties; (b) shall be offered against any of the Released Plaintiff Parties as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, any presumption, concession, or admission with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Released Plaintiff Parties in any civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; (c) shall be construed against any of the Released Parties as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; provided, however, that if the Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Released Parties and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

29. **Jurisdiction.** The Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over the Action to consider all further matters arising out of or connected with the Settlement.

DATED this 4th day of April, 2022

BY THE COURT.  
  
 Honorable Jesse M. Furman  
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate Docket No. 131.

# Exhibit 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-07143-JMF

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION  
AND MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES**

If you purchased or otherwise acquired Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the period from February 11, 2016 through July 25, 2018, inclusive, (the “Class Period”) and were damaged thereby, you may be entitled to a payment from a class action settlement.

*A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

- This Notice describes important rights you may have and what steps you must take if you wish to participate in the Settlement of this securities class action, wish to object, or wish to be excluded from the Settlement Class.<sup>1</sup>
- If approved by the Court, the proposed Settlement will create a \$73 million cash fund, plus earned interest, if any, for the benefit of Settlement Class Members after the deduction of Court-approved fees, expenses, and Taxes. This is an average recovery of approximately \$0.19 per allegedly damaged share before deductions for awarded attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses, and \$0.14 per allegedly damaged share after deductions for awarded attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses, as discussed more below.
- The Settlement resolves claims by Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi (“MissPERS” or “Lead Plaintiff”) and additionally named Plaintiff Monroe County Employees’ Retirement System (“Monroe,” and with MissPERS, “Plaintiffs”) that have been asserted on behalf of the Settlement Class (defined below) against Defendants Nielsen Holdings plc (“Nielsen” or the “Company”), Dwight Mitchell Barns, Kelly Abcarian, and Jamere Jackson (collectively, the “Individual Defendants” and, with Nielsen, “Defendants” and, together with Plaintiffs, the “Parties”). It avoids the costs and risks of continuing the litigation; pays money to eligible investors; and releases the Released Defendant Parties (defined below) from liability.

**If you are a Settlement Class Member, your legal rights will be affected by this Settlement whether you act or do not act. Please read this Notice carefully.**

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<sup>1</sup> The terms of the Settlement are in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated as of March \_\_\_, 2022 (the “Stipulation”), which can be viewed at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com). All capitalized terms not defined in this Notice have the same meanings as in the Stipulation.



<b>YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT</b>	
<b>SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM ON OR BEFORE _____, 2022</b>	The <u>only</u> way to get a payment. <i>See</i> Question 8 for details.
<b>EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS ON OR BEFORE _____, 2022</b>	Get no payment. This is the only option that, assuming your claim is timely brought, might allow you to ever bring or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants and/or the other Released Defendant Parties concerning the Released Claims. <i>See</i> Question 10 for details.
<b>OBJECT ON OR BEFORE _____, 2022</b>	Write to the Court about why you do not like the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation for distributing the proceeds of the Settlement, and/or Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application. If you object, you will still be in the Settlement Class. <i>See</i> Question 14 for details.
<b>PARTICIPATE IN A HEARING ON _____, 2022 AND FILE A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR BY _____, 2022</b>	Ask to speak to the Court at the Settlement Hearing about the Settlement. <i>See</i> Question 18 for details.
<b>DO NOTHING</b>	Get no payment. Give up rights. Still be bound by the terms of the Settlement.

- These rights and options—and the deadlines to exercise them—are explained below.
- The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement. Payments will be made to Settlement Class Members who timely submit valid Claim Forms, if the Court approves the Settlement and after any appeals are resolved.

### **PSLRA SUMMARY OF THE NOTICE**

#### **Statement of the Settlement Class's Recovery**

1. Plaintiffs have entered into the proposed Settlement with Defendants which, if approved by the Court, will resolve the Action in its entirety. Subject to Court approval, Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Settlement Class, have agreed to settle the Action in exchange for a payment of \$73,000,000 in cash (the "Settlement Amount"), which will be deposited into an interest-bearing Escrow Account (the "Settlement Fund"). Based on Plaintiffs' damages expert's estimate of the number of shares of Nielsen publicly traded common stock eligible to participate in the Settlement, and assuming that all investors eligible to participate in the Settlement do so, it is estimated that the average recovery, before deduction of any Court-approved fees and expenses,

such as attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, awards to Plaintiffs pursuant to the PSLRA, Taxes, and Notice and Administration Expenses, would be approximately \$0.19 per allegedly damaged share.<sup>2</sup> If the Court approves Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application (discussed below), the average recovery would be approximately \$0.14 per allegedly damaged share. **These average recovery amounts are only estimates and Settlement Class Members may recover more or less than these estimates.** A Settlement Class Member's actual recovery will depend on, for example: (i) the number of claims submitted; (ii) the amount of the Net Settlement Fund; (iii) when and how many shares of Nielsen publicly traded common stock the Settlement Class Member purchased during the Class Period; and (iv) whether and when the Settlement Class Member sold Nielsen publicly traded common stock. See the Plan of Allocation beginning on page [ ] for information on the calculation of your Recognized Claim.

#### **Statement of Potential Outcome of Case if the Action Continued to Be Litigated**

2. The Parties disagree about both liability and damages and do not agree about the amount of damages that would be recoverable if Plaintiffs were to prevail on each claim. The issues that the Parties disagree about include, for example: (i) whether Defendants made any statements or omitted any facts that were materially false or misleading, or otherwise actionable under the federal securities laws; (ii) whether any such statements or omissions were made with the requisite level of intent or recklessness; (iii) the amounts by which the price of Nielsen publicly traded common stock was allegedly artificially inflated, if at all, during the Class Period; and (iv) the extent to which factors unrelated to the alleged statements or omissions, such as general market, economic, and industry conditions, influenced the trading prices of Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period.

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<sup>2</sup> An allegedly damaged share might have been traded, and potentially damaged, more than once during the Class Period, and the average recovery indicated above represents the estimated average recovery for each share that allegedly incurred damages.

3. Defendants have denied and continue to deny any and all allegations of wrongdoing or fault asserted in the Action, deny that they have committed any act or omission giving rise to any liability or violation of law, and deny that Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class have suffered any loss attributable to Defendants' actions or omissions.

**Statement of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought**

4. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court, on behalf of all Plaintiffs' Counsel, for an award of attorneys' fees from the Settlement Fund in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Fund, *i.e.*, \$18,250,000, plus accrued interest at the same rate earned by the Settlement Fund, if any.<sup>3</sup> Lead Counsel will also apply for payment of litigation expenses incurred in prosecuting the Action in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000, plus accrued interest at the same rate earned by the Settlement Fund, which may include an application pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA") for the reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) of Plaintiffs directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class. If the Court approves Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application in full, the average amount of fees and expenses is estimated to be approximately \$0.05 per allegedly damaged share of Nielsen publicly traded common stock. A copy of the Fee and Expense Application will be posted on [www. \\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](http://www._____) after it has been filed with the Court.

**Reasons for the Settlement**

5. For Plaintiffs, the principal reason for the Settlement is the guaranteed cash benefit to the Settlement Class. This benefit must be compared to the uncertainty of being able to prove the allegations in the Second Amended Complaint; the risk that the Court may grant some or all

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<sup>3</sup> Plaintiffs' Counsel are Labaton Sucharow LLP, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, and Vanoverbeke Michaud & Timmony.

of the anticipated summary judgment motions to be filed by Defendants; the uncertainty of a greater recovery after a trial and appeals; and the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation.

6. For Defendants, who deny all allegations of wrongdoing or liability whatsoever and deny that Settlement Class Members were damaged, the principal reasons for entering into the Settlement are to end the burden, expense, uncertainty, and risk of further litigation.

### **Identification of Representatives**

7. Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class are represented by Lead Counsel: Christine M. Fox, Labaton Sucharow LLP, 140 Broadway, New York, NY 10005, (888) 219-6877, settlementquestions@labaton.com.

8. Further information regarding this Action, the Settlement, and this Notice may be obtained by contacting the Claims Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_, (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_, www.\_\_\_\_\_com.

**Please Do Not Call the Court with Questions About the Settlement.**

### **BASIC INFORMATION**

<b>1. Why did I get this Notice?</b>
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9. The Court authorized that this Notice be sent to you because you or someone in your family may have purchased Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the period from February 11, 2016 through July 25, 2018, inclusive (the “Class Period”). **Receipt of this Notice does not mean that you are a Member of the Settlement Class or that you will be entitled to receive a payment. The Parties do not have access to your individual investment information. If you wish to be eligible for a payment, you are required to submit the Claim Form that is being distributed with this Notice. See Question 8 below.**

10. The Court directed that this Notice be sent to Settlement Class Members because they have a right to know about the proposed Settlement of this class action lawsuit, and about all of their options, before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement.

11. The Court in charge of the Action is the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the case is known as *In re Nielsen Holdings plc Securities Litigation*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-07143-JMF. The Action is assigned to the Honorable Jesse M. Furman, United States District Judge.

<b>2. How do I know if I am part of the Settlement Class?</b>
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12. By the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court preliminarily certified the Action as a class action on behalf of the following Settlement Class. Everyone who fits the following description is a Settlement Class Member and subject to the Settlement unless they are an excluded person (*see* Question 3 below) or take steps to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class (*see* Question 10 below):

**all persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the period from February 11, 2016 through July 25, 2018, inclusive, and were damaged thereby.**

13. If one of your mutual funds purchased Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period, that does not make you a Settlement Class Member, although your mutual fund may be. You are a Settlement Class Member only if you individually purchased Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period. Check your investment records or contact your broker to see if you have any eligible purchases. The Parties do not independently have access to your trading information.

<b>3. Are there exceptions to being included?</b>
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14. Yes. There are some individuals and entities who are excluded from the Settlement Class by definition. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the immediate family of any Individual Defendant; (iii) any person who was an officer or director of Nielsen during the Class Period; (iv) any firm, trust, corporation, or other entity in

which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (v) affiliates of Nielsen, including its employee retirement and benefit plan(s) and their participants or beneficiaries, to the extent they made purchases through such plan(s); and (vi) the legal representatives, affiliates, heirs, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any such excluded person. Also excluded from the Settlement Class is anyone who timely and validly seeks exclusion from the Settlement Class in accordance with the procedures described in Question 10 below.

#### **4. Why is this a class action?**

15. In a class action, one or more persons or entities (in this case, Plaintiffs), sue on behalf of people and entities who have similar claims. Together, these people and entities are a “class,” and each is a “class member.” A class action allows one court to resolve, in a single case, many similar claims that, if brought separately by individual people, might be too small economically to litigate. One court resolves the issues for all class members at the same time, except for those who exclude themselves, or “opt-out,” from the class. In this Action, the Court has appointed the Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi to serve as Lead Plaintiff and Labaton Sucharow LLP to serve as Lead Counsel.

#### **5. What is this case about and what has happened so far?**

16. Nielsen is a data analytics company that provides clients with information about consumer preferences. When the Action was filed, Nielsen had two businesses: (i) “Buy,” focused on consumer purchasing measurement and analytics; and (ii) “Watch,” focused on media audience measurement and analytics. The Buy business was subdivided into two segments: Developed Markets (“BDM”), consisting of the United States, Canada, Western Europe, Japan, South Korea, and Australia; and Emerging Markets (“BEM”), consisting of Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Russia, China, India, and Southeast Asia. The Watch business was subdivided by major

product offerings, consisting of Audience Measurement, Audio, and Marketing Effectiveness (“WME”).

17. On August 8, 2018, a securities class action complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, styled *Gordon v. Nielsen Holdings PLC, et. al.* No. 1:18-cv-07143 (the “S.D.N.Y. Action”). The complaint asserted claims (1) against all Defendants for violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder; and (2) against all Individual Defendants for violations of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. The plaintiff asserted such claims on behalf of all persons who purchased or acquired Nielsen common stock during a class period of February 8, 2018 through July 25, 2018, inclusive.

18. The S.D.N.Y. Action was assigned to Judge John F. Keenan and Magistrate Judge Debra C. Freeman on August 9, 2018.

19. On September 21, 2018, a securities class action complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, styled *Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 60 Pension Trust v. Nielsen Holdings PLC*, No. 1:18-cv-12046 (the “N.D. Ill. Action”). The complaint asserted claims (1) against all Defendants for violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder; and (2) against all Individual Defendants for violations of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. The plaintiff asserted claims on behalf of all persons who purchased or acquired Nielsen common stock during a class period of February 11, 2016 through July 25, 2018, inclusive.

20. The N.D. Ill. Action was assigned to Judge Virginia M. Kendall and Magistrate Judge M. David Weisman on September 21, 2018.

21. On October 9, 2018, Macomb County Employees’ Retirement System, Electrical Workers Pension Trust Fund of IBEW Local Union No. 58 and Monroe County Employees’

Retirement System moved to serve as lead plaintiffs in the S.D.N.Y. Action. MissPERS also moved to serve as lead plaintiff in the S.D.N.Y. Action. Both movants also requested that the N.D. Ill. Action be consolidated into the S.D.N.Y. Action.

22. On December 17, 2018, the N.D. Ill. Action was transferred to the Southern District of New York.

23. On May 31, 2019, the S.D.N.Y. Action was re-assigned to Judge Furman.

24. On April 22, 2019, MissPERS filed a proposed stipulation for appointment of MissPERS as Lead Plaintiff, consolidation of the N.D. Ill. Action into the S.D.N.Y. Action, retitling of the S.D.N.Y. Action as “*In re Nielsen Holdings PLC Securities Litigation*,” and for approval of MissPERS’ selection of Labaton Sucharow LLP as Lead Counsel for the class. The stipulation noted that all other movants had either withdrawn their motions to serve as lead plaintiff or had filed non-oppositions to MissPERS’ appointment as Lead Plaintiff. On April 22, 2019, the Court entered an order giving effect to the stipulation.

25. On June 21, 2019, Lead Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws (the “Amended Complaint”), which added Monroe as a named plaintiff. The Amended Complaint asserted claims (1) against all Defendants pursuant to Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act; and (2) against the Individual Defendants pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

26. On July 12, 2019, by stipulation entered by the Court, Lead Plaintiff filed a Corrected Amended Complaint for Violations of Federal Securities Laws (the “Corrected Amended Complaint”), making minor corrections. On September 6, 2019, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Corrected Amended Complaint. On September 27, 2019, Lead Plaintiff filed a Second Amended Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws (“Second Amended Complaint”), which was substantially similar to the prior complaint, but modified



certain of the allegations. Lead Plaintiff alleged misstatements and omissions in connection with: (i) the financial performance of Nielsen's Buy business; (ii) alleged trends affecting Nielsen's Buy business; (iii) Nielsen's valuation of the goodwill of its Buy business; and (iv) the alleged effects of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation on Nielsen's business.

27. On November 26, 2019, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Second Amended Complaint, which Lead Plaintiff opposed on January 27, 2020. On February 26, 2020, Defendants filed a reply in further support of their motion to dismiss.

28. On January 4, 2021, the Court ruled on the motion to dismiss. The Court dismissed certain claims in the Second Amended Complaint, while sustaining other claims.

29. On February 12, 2021, Defendants filed an Answer to the Second Amended Complaint. ECF No. 98.

30. During the course of the litigation, the Parties engaged in extensive discovery. In response to document requests, Lead Plaintiff received over 90,000 documents from Defendants amounting to more than 490,000 pages. In response to subpoenas, Lead Plaintiff received over 45,000 documents from 29 non-parties, amounting to more than 390,000 pages. Lead Plaintiff and Monroe produced over 2,000 documents, amounting to more than 40,000 pages. In addition, representatives and investment managers of Lead Plaintiff and Monroe sat for six depositions taken by Defendants. Defendants also deposed Lead Plaintiff's market efficiency expert, Mr. Chad Coffman, the President of Global Economics Group, a firm that specializes in the application of economics, finance, statistics, and valuation principles to claims of economic damages, regarding issues of damages and market efficiency. Lead Plaintiff conducted a 30(b)(6) deposition of Nielsen, with three different individuals sitting for depositions on behalf of the Company. Lead Plaintiff also took depositions of 11 additional current or former employees of Nielsen before the case settled.

31. On July 15, 2021, Lead Plaintiff moved for class certification, seeking to certify MissPERS and Monroe as class representatives and seeking to certify a class of all persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the period from July 26, 2016 through July 25, 2018, inclusive. An expert report by Chad Coffman was filed in support of the motion for class certification. On October 18, 2021, Defendants filed an opposition to Lead Plaintiff's motion for class certification. An expert report by Dr. Paul A. Gompers, Eugene Holman Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School, was also submitted in opposition to Lead Plaintiff's motion for class certification. On December 17, 2021, Lead Plaintiff filed a reply in further support of its motion.

32. On December 14, 2021, the Parties participated in a full-day mediation session before retired United States District Court Judge Layn R. Phillips, of Phillips ADR (the "Mediator"). In advance of that session, the Parties provided detailed mediation statements and exhibits to the Mediator, which addressed issues of liability, class certification, and damages. The Parties also participated in individual sessions with the Mediator and/or his staff and answered questions from the Mediator about the Action. No agreement was reached at the mediation session.

33. On January 5, 2022, the Parties participated in another joint mediation session and presented on specific issues in the case. Following these presentations, the Parties continued negotiating toward a potential settlement.

34. On February 2, 2022, the Mediator made a formal mediator's proposal that the case settle for \$73 million. The Parties accepted this proposal and subsequently began negotiating a term sheet and a formal settlement agreement. The Stipulation (together with the exhibits thereto) reflects the final and binding agreement between the Parties.

<b>6. What are the reasons for the Settlement?</b>
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35. The Court did not finally decide in favor of Plaintiffs or Defendants. Instead, both sides agreed to a settlement. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel believe that the claims asserted in the Action have merit. They recognize, however, the expense and length of continued proceedings needed to pursue the claims through trial and appeals, as well as the difficulties in establishing liability. Assuming the claims proceeded to trial, the Parties would present factual and expert testimony on each of the disputed issues, and there is risk that the Court or jury would resolve these issues unfavorably against Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class. In light of the Settlement and the guaranteed cash recovery to the Settlement Class, Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel believe that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class.

36. Defendants have denied and continue to deny any wrongdoing whatsoever, including each and every one of the claims alleged by Plaintiffs in the Action, all claims in the Second Amended Complaint, and any allegation that they have committed any act or omission giving rise to any liability or violation of law. Defendants deny the allegations that they made any material misstatements or omissions; that any Member of the Settlement Class has suffered damages; that the prices of Nielsen's publicly traded common stock were artificially inflated by reason of the alleged misrepresentations, omissions, or otherwise; or that Members of the Settlement Class were harmed by the conduct alleged. Nonetheless, Defendants have agreed to the Settlement to eliminate the burden and expense of continued litigation, and the Settlement may not be construed as an admission of any wrongdoing by Defendant in this or any other action or proceeding.

**THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS**

<b>7. What does the Settlement provide?</b>
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37. In exchange for the Settlement and the release of the Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties (*see* Question 9 below), Defendants have agreed to cause a \$73 million cash payment to be made, which, along with any interest earned, will be distributed after deduction of Court-awarded attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and any other fees or expenses approved by the Court (the "Net Settlement Fund"), to Settlement Class Members who submit valid and timely Claim Forms and are found to be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund.

<b>8. How can I receive a payment?</b>
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38. To qualify for a payment from the Net Settlement Fund, you must submit a timely and valid Claim Form. A Claim Form is included with this Notice. You may also obtain one from the website dedicated to the Settlement: [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com), or submit a claim online at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com). You can also request that a Claim Form be mailed to you by calling the Claims Administrator toll-free at (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

39. Please read the instructions contained in the Claim Form carefully, fill out the Claim Form, include all the documents the form requests, sign it, and mail or submit it to the Claims Administrator so that it is **postmarked or received no later than** \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

<b>9. What am I giving up to receive a payment and by staying in the Settlement Class?</b>
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40. If you are a Settlement Class Member and do not timely and validly exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will remain in the Settlement Class and that means that, upon the "Effective Date" of the Settlement, you will release all "Released Claims" against the "Released Defendant Parties." All of the Court's orders in the Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, will apply to you and legally bind you.

(a) **“Released Claims”** means any and all claims, rights, liabilities, suits, debts, obligations, demands, damages, losses, judgments and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or Unknown (as defined below), contingent or absolute, mature or not mature, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or not accrued, concealed or hidden, regardless of legal or equitable theory and whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law, that Plaintiffs or any other member of the Settlement Class: (a) asserted in the Action; or (b) could have asserted in the Action or any forum that arise out of, are based upon, or relate to, both (1) the allegations, transactions, facts, matters or occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to in any of the complaints filed in the Action and (2) the purchase or acquisition of Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period. For the avoidance of doubt, Released Claims do not include: (1) claims to enforce the Settlement; or (2) claims in any present or future derivative litigation, including, without limitation, *Marilyn Clark v. Dwight M. Barns*, No. 650506/2019 (NY Sup. Ct. filed Jan. 25, 2019).

(b) **“Released Defendant Parties”** means Defendants, Steve Hasker, and each of their respective past or present or future predecessors, successors, parent corporations, sister corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, principals, assigns, assignors, legatees, devisees, executors, administrators, estates, heirs, spouses, Immediate Family, receivers and trustees, settlors, beneficiaries, officers, directors, members, shareholders, employees, independent contractors, servants, agents, partners, insurers, reinsurers, representatives, attorneys, legal representatives, auditors, accountants, advisors, and successors-in-interest, in their capacities as such.

(c) **“Unknown Claims”** means any and all Released Claims that Plaintiffs and any other members of the Settlement Class do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Defendant Parties, and any and all Released Defendants’ Claims that any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of

the release of the Released Plaintiff Parties, which if known by him, her, or it might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, including the decision to object to the terms of the Settlement or to exclude himself, herself, or itself from the Settlement Class. With respect to any and all Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly, and each Settlement Class Member shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment shall have expressly waived and relinquished any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or foreign law, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to Cal. Civ. Code § 1542, which provides:

**A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.**

Plaintiffs, other Settlement Class Members, or Defendants may hereafter discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which any of them now knows, suspects, or believes to be true with respect to the Action, the Released Claims, or the Released Defendants' Claims, but Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever settle and release, and each Settlement Class Member shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever settled and released, and upon the Effective Date and by operation of the Judgment or Alternative Judgment shall have settled and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims as applicable, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and all Settlement Class Members by operation of law shall be deemed to have acknowledged, that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims was separately bargained for and was a material element of the Settlement.

41. The “Effective Date” will occur when an Order entered by the Court approving the Settlement becomes Final and is not subject to appeal. Upon the “Effective Date,” the Released Defendant Parties will also provide a release of any claims against the Released Plaintiff Parties arising out of or related to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims in the Action.

#### **EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS**

42. If you want to keep any right you may have to sue or continue to sue Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties on your own concerning the Released Claims, then you must take steps to remove yourself from the Settlement Class. This is called excluding yourself or “opting out.” **Please note:** If you decide to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, there is a risk that any lawsuit you may file may be dismissed, including because the suit is not filed within the applicable time periods required for filing suit. Defendants have the option to terminate the Settlement if a certain amount of Settlement Class Members request exclusion.

<b>10. How do I exclude myself from the Settlement Class?</b>
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43. To exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you must mail a signed letter stating that you request to be “excluded from the Settlement Class in *In re Nielsen Holdings plc Sec. Litig.*, No. 1:18-cv-07143-JMF (S.D.N.Y.).” You cannot exclude yourself by telephone or e-mail. Each request for exclusion must also: (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion; (ii) state the number of shares of Nielsen publicly traded common stock the person or entity purchased, acquired, and sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase, acquisition, and sale; and (iii) be signed by the Person requesting exclusion or an authorized representative. A request for exclusion must be mailed so that it is **received no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2022** at:

*Nielsen Securities Litigation*

c/o \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_  
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44. This information is needed to determine whether you are a member of the Settlement Class. Your exclusion request must comply with these requirements in order to be valid.

45. If you ask to be excluded, do not submit a Claim Form because you cannot receive any payment from the Net Settlement Fund. Also, you cannot object to the Settlement because you will not be a Settlement Class Member and the Settlement will not affect you. If you submit a valid exclusion request, you will not be legally bound by anything that happens in the Action, and you may be able to sue (or continue to sue) Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties in the future.

<b>11. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties for the same reasons later?</b>
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46. No. Unless you properly exclude yourself, you will give up any rights to sue Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties for any and all Released Claims. If you have a pending lawsuit against any of the Released Defendant Parties, **speak to your lawyer in that case immediately**. You must exclude yourself from this Class to continue your own lawsuit, assuming that lawsuit was timely brought. Remember, the exclusion deadline is \_\_\_\_\_, **2022**.

**THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU**

<b>12. Do I have a lawyer in this case?</b>
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47. Labaton Sucharow LLP is Lead Counsel in the Action and represents all Settlement Class Members. You will not be separately charged for the work of Lead Counsel and the other Plaintiffs' Counsel. The Court will determine the amount of attorneys' fees and litigation



expenses, which will be paid from the Settlement Fund. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

<b>13. How will the lawyers be paid?</b>
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48. Lead Counsel, together with Plaintiffs' Counsel, has been prosecuting the Action on a contingent basis and has not been paid for any of their work. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court, on behalf of itself and the other Plaintiffs' Counsel firms, for an award of attorneys' fees of no more than 25% of the Settlement Fund, which will include any accrued interest. Lead Counsel has agreed to share the awarded attorneys' fees with Plaintiffs' Counsel. Payment to the other Plaintiffs' Counsel firms will in no way increase the fees that are deducted from the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel will also seek payment of litigation expenses incurred by Plaintiffs' Counsel in the prosecution and settlement of the Action of no more than \$1,100,000, plus accrued interest, if any, which may include an application in accordance with the PSLRA for the reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) of Plaintiffs directly related to their representation of the Settlement Class. As explained above, any attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

**OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT, THE PLAN OF ALLOCATION, OR THE FEE  
AND EXPENSE APPLICATION**

<b>14. How do I tell the Court that I do not like something about the proposed Settlement?</b>
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49. If you are a Settlement Class Member, you can object to the Settlement or any of its terms, the proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund, and/or Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application. You may write to the Court about why you think the Court should not approve any or all of the Settlement terms or related relief. If you would like the Court to consider your views, you must file a proper objection within the deadline, and according to the following procedures.

50. To object, you must send a signed letter stating that you object to the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the Fee and Expense Application in “*In re Nielsen Holdings plc Sec. Litig.*, No. 1:18-cv-07143-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)” The objection must also state: (i) the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the objector and must be signed by the objector; (ii) contain a statement of the Settlement Class Member’s objection or objections and the specific reasons for the objection, including whether it applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Settlement Class, or to the entire Settlement Class, and any legal and evidentiary support (including witnesses) the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court’s attention; and (iii) include documents sufficient to show the objector’s membership in the Settlement Class, including the number of shares of Nielsen publicly traded common stock purchased, acquired, and sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase, acquisition, and sale. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, any Settlement Class Member who does not object in the manner described in this Notice will be deemed to have waived any objection and will be foreclosed from making any objection to the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel’s Fee and Expense Application. Your objection must be filed with the Court **no later than** \_\_\_\_\_, **2022** **and** be mailed or delivered to the following counsel so that it is **received no later than** \_\_\_\_\_, **2022**:

<b><u>Court</u></b>	<b><u>Lead Counsel</u></b>	<b><u>Defendants’ Counsel Representative</u></b>
<b>Clerk of the Court</b>	<b>Labaton Sucharow LLP</b>	<b>Simpson Thacher &amp; Bartlett LLP</b>
United States District Court Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007	Christine M. Fox Esq. 140 Broadway New York, NY 10005	Craig S. Waldman, Esq. 425 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10017

51. You do not need to attend the Settlement Hearing to have your written objection considered by the Court. However, any Settlement Class Member who has complied with the

procedures described in this Question 14 and below in Question 18 may appear at the Settlement Hearing and be heard, to the extent allowed by the Court. An objector may appear in person or arrange, at his, her, or its own expense, for a lawyer to represent him, her, or it at the Settlement Hearing. If the Settlement Hearing is held remotely, instructions for participating will be posted at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](http://www._____).

**15. What is the difference between objecting and seeking exclusion?**

52. Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like something about the proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application. You can still recover money from the Settlement. You can object *only* if you stay in the Settlement Class. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you have no basis to object because the Settlement and the Action no longer affect you.

**THE SETTLEMENT HEARING**

**16. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?**

53. The Court will hold the Settlement Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at \_\_\_\_\_.m., either remotely or in person, in Courtroom 1105 of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York, 10007.

54. At this hearing, the Honorable Jesse M. Furman will consider whether: (i) the Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and should be approved; (ii) the Plan of Allocation is fair and reasonable, and should be approved; and (iii) the application of Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of litigation expenses is reasonable and should be approved. The Court will take into consideration any written objections filed in accordance with the instructions in Question 14 above. We do not know how long it will take the Court to make these decisions.

55. The Court may change the date and time of the Settlement Hearing, or hold the hearing remotely, without another individual notice being sent to Settlement Class Members. If you want to attend the hearing, you should check with Lead Counsel beforehand to be sure that the date and/or time and procedures for participating have not changed, or periodically check the Settlement website at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com) to see if the Settlement Hearing stays as scheduled or is changed.

<b>17. Do I have to come to the Settlement Hearing?</b>
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56. No. Lead Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. But, you are welcome to attend at your own expense. If you submit a valid and timely objection, the Court will consider it and you do not have to come to Court to discuss it. You may have your own lawyer attend (at your own expense), but it is not required. If you do hire your own lawyer, he or she must file and serve a Notice of Appearance in the manner described in the answer to Question 18 below **no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.**

<b>18. May I speak at the Settlement Hearing?</b>
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57. You may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Settlement Hearing. To do so, you must, **no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2022,** submit a statement that you, or your attorney, intend to appear in “*In re Nielsen Holdings plc Sec. Litig.*, No. 1:18-cv-07143-JMF (S.D.N.Y.).” If you intend to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing, you must also include in your objection (prepared and submitted according to the answer to Question 14 above) the identities of any witnesses you may wish to call to testify and any exhibits you intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing. You may not speak at the Settlement Hearing if you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class or if you have not provided written notice of your intention to speak at the Settlement Hearing in accordance with the procedures described in this Question 18 and Question 14 above.

## IF YOU DO NOTHING

### 19. What happens if I do nothing at all?

58. If you do nothing and you are a member of the Settlement Class, you will receive no money from this Settlement and you will be precluded from starting a lawsuit, continuing with a lawsuit, or being part of any other lawsuit against Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties concerning the Released Claims. To share in the Net Settlement Fund, you must submit a Claim Form (*see* Question 8 above). To start, continue, or be a part of any other lawsuit against Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties concerning the Released Claims, you must exclude yourself from the Settlement Class (*see* Question 10 above).

## GETTING MORE INFORMATION

### 20. Are there more details about the Settlement?

59. This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. More details are contained in the Stipulation. You may review the Stipulation filed with the Court or other documents in the case during business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Court, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007. (Please check the Court's website, [www.nysd.uscourts.gov](http://www.nysd.uscourts.gov), for information about Court closures before visiting.) Subscribers to PACER, a fee-based service, can also view the papers filed publicly in the Action through the Court's on-line Case Management/Electronic Case Files System at <https://www.pacer.gov>.

60. You can also get a copy of the Stipulation, and other documents related to the Settlement, as well as additional information about the Settlement by visiting the website dedicated to the Settlement, [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com). You may also call the Claims Administrator toll free at (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ or write to the Claims Administrator at *Nielsen Securities Litigation*, c/o \_\_\_\_\_. **Please do not call the Court with questions about the Settlement.**

## PLAN OF ALLOCATION OF THE NET SETTLEMENT FUND

<b>21. How will my claim be calculated?</b>
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61. The Plan of Allocation set forth below is the plan for calculating claims and distributing the proceeds of the Settlement that is being proposed by Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel to the Court for approval. The Court may approve this Plan of Allocation or modify it without additional notice to the Settlement Class. Any order modifying the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the Settlement website at: \_\_\_\_\_.

62. As noted above, the Settlement Amount and the interest it earns is the “Settlement Fund.” The Settlement Fund, after deduction of Court-approved attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses, Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and any other fees or expenses approved by the Court, is the “Net Settlement Fund.” The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to members of the Settlement Class who timely submit valid Claim Forms that show a “Recognized Claim” according to the Court-approved Plan of Allocation. Settlement Class Members who do not timely submit valid Claim Forms will not share in the Net Settlement Fund, but will still be bound by the Settlement.

63. The objective of this Plan of Allocation is to distribute the Net Settlement Fund among those Settlement Class Members who allegedly suffered economic losses as a result of the alleged wrongdoing. To design this plan, Lead Counsel conferred with Plaintiffs’ damages expert. This plan is intended to be generally consistent with an assessment of, among other things, the damages that Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel believe were recoverable in the Action. The Plan of Allocation, however, is not a formal damages analysis and the calculations made pursuant to the plan are not intended to be estimates of, nor indicative of, the amounts that Settlement Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. The calculations pursuant to the Plan of Allocation are also not estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants. An

individual Settlement Class Member's recovery will depend on, for example: (i) the total number and value of claims submitted; (ii) when the claimant purchased Nielsen publicly traded common stock; and (iii) whether and when the claimant sold his, her, or its shares of Nielsen publicly traded common stock. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh the claims of Authorized Claimants against one another for the purposes of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Fund. The Claims Administrator will determine each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's "Recognized Claim."

64. For losses to be compensable damages under the federal securities laws, the disclosure of the allegedly misrepresented information must be the cause of the decline in the price of the securities at issue. In this case, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants issued false statements and omitted material facts during the Class Period, which allegedly artificially inflated the price of Nielsen publicly traded common stock. Defendants deny the allegations and the assertion that any damages were suffered by any members of the Settlement Class as a result of their conduct. In developing the Plan of Allocation, Plaintiffs' damages expert calculated the estimated amount of alleged artificial inflation in the per share prices of Nielsen common stock that was allegedly proximately caused by Defendants' alleged materially false and misleading statements and omissions.

65. In this Action, Plaintiffs allege that corrective information allegedly impacting the price of Nielsen common stock (which is referred to as a "corrective disclosure") was released to the market prior to market open on October 25, 2016, April 25, 2017, October 25, 2017, February 8, 2018, April 26, 2018, and July 26, 2018, and allegedly impacted the price of Nielsen common stock on those days by partially removing the alleged artificial inflation from Nielsen's share prices. Accordingly, in order to have a compensable loss in this Settlement, shares of Nielsen

common stock must have been purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period and held through at least one of the alleged corrective disclosure dates listed above.

#### **CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS**

66. For purposes of determining whether a claimant has a “Recognized Claim,” if a claimant has more than one purchase/acquisition or sale of Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period, all purchases/acquisitions and sales will be matched on a “First In First Out” (FIFO) basis. Class Period sales will be matched first against any holdings at the beginning of the Class Period and then against purchases/acquisitions in chronological order, beginning with the earliest purchase/acquisition made during the Class Period.

67. Based on the formulas stated below, a “Recognized Loss Amount” will be calculated for each purchase/acquisition of Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period that is listed on the Claim Form and for which adequate documentation is provided. If a Recognized Loss Amount calculates to a negative number or zero under the formulas below, that Recognized Loss Amount will be zero.

68. For each share of Nielsen common stock purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period and sold before the close of trading on October 23, 2018, an “Out of Pocket Loss” will be calculated. Out of Pocket Loss is defined as the purchase price (excluding all fees, taxes, and commissions) minus the sale price (excluding all fees, taxes, and commissions). To the extent that the calculation of the Out of Pocket Loss results in a negative number, that number shall be set to zero.

69. **For each share of Nielsen common stock purchased or acquired from February 11, 2016 through and including July 25, 2018, and:**

- A. Sold before October 25, 2016, the Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be zero.
- B. Sold during the period from October 25, 2016 through July 25, 2018, the Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be *the lesser of:*



1. the alleged dollar artificial inflation applicable to each such share on the date of purchase/acquisition as set forth in **Table 1** below minus the alleged dollar artificial inflation applicable to each such share on the date of sale as set forth in **Table 1** below; or
  2. the Out of Pocket Loss.
- C. Sold during the period from July 26, 2018 through October 23, 2018, the Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be ***the least of:***
1. the alleged dollar artificial inflation applicable to each such share on the date of purchase/acquisition as set forth in **Table 1** below; or
  2. the actual purchase/acquisition price of each such share minus the average closing price from July 26, 2018, up to the date of sale as set forth in **Table 2** below; or
  3. the Out of Pocket Loss.
- D. Held as of the close of trading on October 23, 2018, the Recognized Loss Amount for each such share shall be ***the lesser of:***
1. the alleged dollar artificial inflation applicable to each such share on the date of purchase/acquisition as set forth in **Table 1** below; or
  2. the actual purchase/acquisition price of each such share minus \$25.89.<sup>4</sup>

#### **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN OF ALLOCATION**

70. The sum of a claimant's Recognized Loss Amounts will be the claimant's "Recognized Claim."

71. The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on the relative size of their Recognized Claims. Specifically, a "Distribution Amount"

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<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to Section 21D(e)(1) of the Exchange Act, "in any private action arising under this title in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated to the market." Consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act, Recognized Loss Amounts are reduced to an appropriate extent by taking into account the closing prices of Nielsen common stock during the "90-day look-back period," July 26, 2018 through October 23, 2018. The mean (average) closing price for Nielsen common stock during this 90-day look-back period was \$25.89.

will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant, which will be the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim divided by the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. Given the costs of distribution, the Net Settlement Fund will be allocated among all Authorized Claimants whose Distribution Amount is \$10.00 or greater.

72. Purchases and sales of Nielsen publicly traded common stock will be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" date. The receipt or grant of shares of Nielsen publicly traded common stock by gift, inheritance, or operation of law during the Class Period will not be deemed an eligible purchase or sale of Nielsen publicly traded common stock for the calculation of a claimant's Recognized Claim, nor will the receipt or grant be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase of Nielsen common stock unless (i) the donor or decedent purchased the shares during the Class Period; (ii) no Claim Form was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to those shares; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.

73. The date of covering a "short sale" will be deemed to be the date of purchase of the Nielsen common stock. The date of a "short sale" will be deemed to be the date of sale of Nielsen common stock. Under the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss Amount on "short sales" is zero. In the event that a claimant has an opening short position in Nielsen common stock, his, her, or its earliest Class Period purchases of Nielsen common stock will be matched against the opening short position, and not be entitled to a recovery, until that short position is fully covered.

74. Option contracts are not securities eligible to participate in the Settlement. With respect to shares of Nielsen common stock purchased or sold through the exercise of an option,

the purchase/sale date of the Nielsen common stock is the exercise date of the option and the purchase/sale price of the Nielsen common stock is the exercise price of the option.

75. Distributions will be made to eligible Authorized Claimants after all claims have been processed and after the Court has finally approved the Settlement. If there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds, uncashed checks or otherwise) after a reasonable amount of time from the date of initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, and after payment of outstanding Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, attorneys' fees and expenses, and any awards to Plaintiffs, the Claims Administrator shall, if feasible, reallocate (which reallocation may occur on multiple occasions) such balance among Authorized Claimants who have cashed their checks in an equitable and economic fashion. Thereafter, any *de minimis* balance that still remains in the Net Settlement Fund after redistribution(s) and after payment of outstanding Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and attorneys' fees and expenses and any awards to Plaintiffs, shall be donated to the Investor Protection Trust, or a non-profit and non-sectarian organization(s) chosen by the Court.

76. Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court will be conclusive against all claimants. No person will have any claim against Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, Plaintiffs' damages expert, the Claims Administrator, or other agent designated by Lead Counsel, arising from determinations or distributions to claimants made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court, or further orders of the Court. Plaintiffs, Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, and all other Released Parties will have no responsibility for or liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund, the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any Claim Form or non-performance of

the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of Taxes owed by the Settlement Fund or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

77. Each claimant is deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York with respect to his, her, or its claim.

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECURITIES BROKERS AND NOMINEES**

78. If you purchased or otherwise acquired Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period for the beneficial interest of a person or entity other than yourself, the Court has directed that **WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, YOU MUST EITHER:** (a) provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator and the Claims Administrator is ordered to send the Notice promptly to such identified beneficial owners; or (b) request additional copies of this Notice and the Claim Form from the Claims Administrator, which will be provided to you free of charge, and **WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS** of receipt, mail the Notice and Claim Form directly to all the beneficial owners of those shares. If you choose to follow procedure (b), the Court has also directed that, upon making that mailing, **YOU MUST SEND A STATEMENT** to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed and keep a record of the names and mailing addresses used. Nominees shall also provide email addresses for all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator, to the extent they are available. You are entitled to reimbursement from the Settlement Fund of your reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing, including reimbursement of postage expense and the cost of ascertaining the names and addresses of beneficial owners. Those expenses will be paid upon request and submission of appropriate supporting documentation and timely compliance with the above directives. All communications concerning the foregoing should be addressed to the Claims Administrator:

*Nielsen Securities Litigation*

c/o \_\_\_\_\_

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**TABLE 1****Nielsen Common Stock Alleged Artificial Inflation  
for Purposes of Calculating Purchase and Sale Inflation in Plan of Allocation**

<b>Transaction Date</b>	<b>Alleged Artificial Inflation Per Share</b>
February 11, 2016 - October 24, 2016	\$25.57
October 25, 2016 - April 24, 2017	\$16.44
April 25, 2017 - October 24, 2017	\$14.67
October 25, 2017 - February 7, 2018	\$12.34
February 8, 2018 - April 25, 2018	\$9.87
April 26, 2018 – July 25, 2018	\$7.30

**TABLE 2****Nielsen Common Stock Closing Price and Average Closing Price  
July 26, 2018 – October 23, 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Closing Price</b>	<b>Average Closing Price Between July 26, 2018 and Date Shown</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Closing Price</b>	<b>Average Closing Price Between July 26, 2018 and Date Shown</b>
7/26/2018	\$22.11	\$22.11		9/11/2018	\$26.38	\$24.83
7/27/2018	\$22.36	\$22.24		9/12/2018	\$26.72	\$24.89
7/30/2018	\$23.03	\$22.50		9/13/2018	\$26.54	\$24.93
7/31/2018	\$23.56	\$22.77		9/14/2018	\$27.35	\$25.00
8/1/2018	\$23.45	\$22.90		9/17/2018	\$27.22	\$25.06
8/2/2018	\$22.57	\$22.85		9/18/2018	\$27.43	\$25.12
8/3/2018	\$21.99	\$22.72		9/19/2018	\$27.56	\$25.19
8/6/2018	\$22.27	\$22.67		9/20/2018	\$27.21	\$25.24

8/7/2018	\$21.77	\$22.57		9/21/2018	\$27.24	\$25.29
8/8/2018	\$21.75	\$22.49		9/24/2018	\$27.15	\$25.33
8/9/2018	\$22.15	\$22.46		9/25/2018	\$27.20	\$25.37
8/10/2018	\$21.97	\$22.42		9/26/2018	\$27.96	\$25.43
8/13/2018	\$24.62	\$22.58		9/27/2018	\$27.96	\$25.49
8/14/2018	\$26.05	\$22.83		9/28/2018	\$27.66	\$25.54
8/15/2018	\$26.15	\$23.05		10/1/2018	\$27.70	\$25.58
8/16/2018	\$26.61	\$23.28		10/2/2018	\$27.53	\$25.62
8/17/2018	\$26.15	\$23.44		10/3/2018	\$27.31	\$25.66
8/20/2018	\$26.11	\$23.59		10/4/2018	\$27.09	\$25.69
8/21/2018	\$26.03	\$23.72		10/5/2018	\$26.96	\$25.71
8/22/2018	\$25.96	\$23.83		10/8/2018	\$26.89	\$25.73
8/23/2018	\$26.71	\$23.97		10/9/2018	\$26.89	\$25.75
8/24/2018	\$26.47	\$24.08		10/10/2018	\$26.31	\$25.77
8/27/2018	\$26.60	\$24.19		10/11/2018	\$25.75	\$25.76
8/28/2018	\$26.72	\$24.30		10/12/2018	\$26.15	\$25.77
8/29/2018	\$26.63	\$24.39		10/15/2018	\$26.26	\$25.78
8/30/2018	\$26.11	\$24.46		10/16/2018	\$27.14	\$25.80
8/31/2018	\$26.00	\$24.51		10/17/2018	\$27.05	\$25.82
9/4/2018	\$26.06	\$24.57		10/18/2018	\$26.96	\$25.84
9/5/2018	\$26.37	\$24.63		10/19/2018	\$26.95	\$25.86
9/6/2018	\$25.97	\$24.68		10/22/2018	\$26.97	\$25.88
9/7/2018	\$26.18	\$24.73		10/23/2018	\$26.53	\$25.89
9/10/2018	\$26.57	\$24.78				

## **Exhibit 2**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-07143-JMF

**PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM**

**I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. To recover as a member of the Settlement Class based on your claims in the class action entitled *In re Nielsen Holdings plc. Securities Litigation*, Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-07143-JMF (S.D.N.Y.) (the “Action”), you must complete and, on page \_\_\_\_ below, sign this Proof of Claim and Release form (“Claim Form”). If you fail to submit a timely and properly addressed (as explained in paragraph 2 below) Claim Form, your claim may be rejected and you may not receive any recovery from the Net Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed Settlement. Submission of this Claim Form, however, does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement of the Action.

2. **THIS CLAIM FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT WWW.\_\_\_\_ NO LATER THAN \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 OR, IF MAILED, BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:**

*Nielsen Securities Litigation*

c/o \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zipcode

www. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you do not timely request exclusion in response to the Notice dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, you are bound by and subject to the



terms of any judgment entered in the Action, including the releases provided therein, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM OR RECEIVE A PAYMENT.

## **II. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION**

4. If you purchased shares of the publicly traded common stock of Nielsen Holdings plc (“Nielsen” or the “Company”) during the period from February 11, 2016 through July 25, 2018, inclusive (the “Class Period”) and held the stock in your name, you are the beneficial owner as well as the record owner. If, however, you purchased Nielsen publicly traded common stock during the Class Period through a third party, such as a brokerage firm, you are the beneficial owner and the third party is the record owner.

5. Use **Part I** of this form entitled “Claimant Identification” to identify each beneficial owner of Nielsen publicly traded common stock that forms the basis of this claim, as well as the owner of record if different. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL OWNERS OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH OWNERS.

6. All joint owners must sign this claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators, legal representatives, and trustees must complete and sign this claim on behalf of persons represented by them and their authority must accompany this claim and their titles or capacities must be stated. The Social Security (or taxpayer identification) number and telephone number of the beneficial owner may be used in verifying the claim. Failure to provide the foregoing information could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of the claim.

## **III. IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSACTIONS**

7. Use **Part II** of this form entitled “Schedule of Transactions in Nielsen Publicly Traded Common Stock” to supply all required details of your transaction(s) in Nielsen publicly traded common stock. If you need more space or additional schedules, attach separate sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Sign and print or type your name on each additional sheet.

8. On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to your holdings, purchases, and sales of Nielsen publicly traded common stock, whether the transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

9. The date of covering a “short sale” is deemed to be the date of purchase of Nielsen publicly traded common stock. The date of a “short sale” is deemed to be the date of sale.

10. Copies of broker confirmations or other documentation of your transactions must be attached to your claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of your claim. **THE PARTIES DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TRANSACTIONS IN NIELSEN PUBLICLY TRADED COMMON STOCK.**

11. NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. (This is different than the online claim portal on the Settlement website.) All such claimants MUST submit a manually signed paper Claim Form whether or not they also submit electronic copies. If you wish to submit your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ to obtain the required file layout. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the claimant a written acknowledgment of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data.



**PART II: TRANSACTIONS IN NIELSEN PUBLICLY TRADED COMMON STOCK**

**1. BEGINNING HOLDINGS** - State the total number of shares of Nielsen common stock held at the close of trading on February 10, 2016. If none, write "0" or "Zero." (Must submit documentation.) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. PURCHASES DURING THE CLASS PERIOD** – Separately list each and every purchase of Nielsen common stock from February 11, 2016 through and including July 25, 2018. (Must submit documentation.)

Date of Purchase (List Chronologically) (MM/DD/YY)	Number of Shares Purchased	Purchase Price Per Share	Total Purchase Price (excluding taxes, commissions, and fees)
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

**3. PURCHASES DURING 90-DAY LOOKBACK PERIOD** – State the total number of shares of Nielsen common stock purchased from July 26, 2018 through and including October 23, 2018.<sup>1</sup> (Must submit documentation.) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. SALES DURING THE CLASS PERIOD AND DURING THE 90-DAY LOOKBACK PERIOD** – Separately list each and every sale of Nielsen common stock from February 11, 2016 through and including the close of trading on October 23, 2018. (Must submit documentation.)

Date of Sale (List Chronologically) (MM/DD/YY)	Number of Shares Sold	Sale Price Per Share	Total Sale Price (excluding taxes, commissions and fees)
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

**5. ENDING HOLDINGS** – State the total number of shares of Nielsen common stock held as of the close of trading on October 23, 2018. If none, write "0" or "Zero." (Must submit documentation.) \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE TO LIST YOUR TRANSACTIONS YOU MUST  
PHOTOCOPY THIS PAGE AND CHECK THIS BOX** ☐

<sup>1</sup> Information requested in this Claim Form with respect to your transactions on July 26, 2018 through and including the close of trading on October 23, 2018, is needed only in order for the Claims Administrator to confirm that you have reported all relevant transactions. Purchases during this period, however, are not eligible for a recovery because these purchases are outside the Class Period and will not be used for purposes of calculating your Recognized Claim pursuant to the Plan of Allocation.

#### **IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

12. By signing and submitting this Claim Form, the claimant(s) or the person(s) acting on behalf of the claimant(s) certify(ies) that: I (We) submit this Claim Form under the terms of the Plan of Allocation described in the accompanying Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Court”) with respect to my (our) claim as a Settlement Class Member(s) and for purposes of enforcing the releases set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I (we) will be bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment entered in connection with the Settlement in the Action, including the releases set forth therein. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim, such as additional documentation for transactions in publicly traded Nielsen common stock, if required to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same transactions in publicly traded Nielsen common stock during the Class Period and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

#### **V. RELEASES, WARRANTIES, AND CERTIFICATION**

13. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I am (we are) a Settlement Class Member as defined in the Notice, that I am (we are) not excluded from the Settlement Class, that I am (we are) not one of the “Released Defendant Parties” as defined in the accompanying Notice.

14. As a Settlement Class Member, I (we) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally, and forever compromise, settle, release, resolve, relinquish, waive, and discharge with prejudice the Released Claims as to each and all of the Released Defendant Parties (as these terms are defined in the accompanying Notice). This release shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the Settlement and it becomes effective on the Effective Date.

15. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.

16. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) purchases and sales of publicly traded Nielsen common stock that occurred during the Class Period and the number of shares held by me (us), to the extent requested.

17. I (We) certify that I am (we are) NOT subject to backup tax withholding. (If you have been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that you are subject to backup withholding, please strike out the prior sentence.)

I (We) declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that all of the foregoing information supplied by the undersigned is true and correct.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Claimant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print name of Claimant

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Signature of Joint Claimant, if any

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Type or print name of Joint Claimant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person signing on behalf  
of Claimant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type or print name of person signing  
on behalf of Claimant

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Capacity of person signing on behalf of Claimant, if other than an individual (e.g.,  
Administrator, Executor, Trustee, President, Custodian, Power of Attorney, etc.)

**REMINDER CHECKLIST:**

1. Please sign this Claim Form.
2. DO NOT HIGHLIGHT THE CLAIM FORM OR YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.
3. Attach only copies of supporting documentation as these documents will not be returned to you.
4. Keep a copy of your Claim Form for your records.
5. The Claims Administrator will acknowledge receipt of your Claim Form by mail, within 60 days. **Your claim is not deemed submitted until you receive an acknowledgment postcard.** If you do not receive an acknowledgment postcard within 60 days, please call the Claims Administrator toll free at XXX-XXX-XXXX.
6. If you move after submitting this Claim Form please notify the Claims Administrator of the change in your address, otherwise you may not receive additional notices or payment.

# **Exhibit 3**



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC  
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-07143-JMF

**SUMMARY NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS  
ACTION AND MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES**

**To: all persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Nielsen Holdings plc publicly traded common stock during the period from February 11, 2016 through July 25, 2018, inclusive, and were damaged thereby (the “Settlement Class”)**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, that Lead Plaintiff Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi and additionally named Plaintiff Monroe County Employees’ Retirement System (“Plaintiffs”), on behalf of themselves and all members of the Settlement Class, and defendants Nielsen Holdings plc (“Nielsen”), Dwight Mitchell Barns, Kelly Abcarian, and Jamere Jackson (collectively, with Nielsen, “Defendants” and, together with Plaintiffs, the “Parties”), have reached a proposed settlement of the claims in the above-captioned class action (the “Action”) and related claims in the amount of \$73,000,000 (the “Settlement”).

A hearing will be held before the Honorable Jesse M. Furman, either in person or remotely in the Court’s discretion, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, at \_\_\_\_\_.m. in Courtroom 1105 of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York, 10007 (the “Settlement Hearing”) to determine whether the Court should: (i) approve the proposed Settlement as fair,

reasonable, and adequate; (ii) dismiss the Action with prejudice as provided in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated March \_\_\_, 2022; (iii) approve the proposed Plan of Allocation for distribution of the proceeds of the Settlement (the “Net Settlement Fund”) to Settlement Class Members; and (iv) approve Lead Counsel’s Fee and Expense Application. The Court may change the date of the Settlement Hearing, or hold it remotely, without providing another notice. You do NOT need to attend the Settlement Hearing to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund.

**IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, YOUR RIGHTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A MONETARY PAYMENT.** If you have not yet received a full Notice and Claim Form, you may obtain copies of these documents by visiting the website for the Settlement, [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](http://www._____), or by contacting the Claims Administrator at:

*Nielsen Securities Litigation*

c/o \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zipcode

[www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](http://www._____)

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Inquiries, other than requests for information about the status of a claim, may also be made to Lead Counsel:

**LABATON SUCHAROW LLP**

Christine M. Fox, Esq.

140 Broadway

New York, NY 10005

[settlementquestions@labaton.com](mailto:settlementquestions@labaton.com)

(888) 219-6877

If you are a Settlement Class Member, to be eligible to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, you must submit a Claim Form *postmarked or submitted online no later than*

\_\_\_\_\_, 2022. If you are a Settlement Class Member and do not timely submit a valid Claim Form, you will not be eligible to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, but you will nevertheless be bound by all judgments or orders entered by the Court, whether favorable or unfavorable.

If you are a Settlement Class Member and wish to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you must submit a written request for exclusion in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Notice so that it is *received no later than* \_\_\_\_\_, 2022. If you properly exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court, whether favorable or unfavorable, and you will not be eligible to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.

Any objections to the proposed Settlement, Lead Counsel's Fee and Expense Application, and/or the proposed Plan of Allocation must be filed with the Court, either by mail or in person, and be mailed to counsel for the Parties in accordance with the instructions in the Notice, such that they are *received no later than* \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT, DEFENDANTS, OR  
DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL REGARDING THIS NOTICE**

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE COURT  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK